

# Parish of St. Mary's

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Nineteenth Sunday - 9<sup>th</sup> August 2026

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

- Sunday Sept 6<sup>th</sup>



2.00 p.m. - Rosary

2.30 p.m. - Anointing of the Sick

3.00 p.m. - Mass

### Autumn Prayer

God of creation, thank you for the changing seasons. As the air turns cool and leaves change color, teach us how to let go of what we no longer need. Refresh our hearts with your peace, and fill us with gratitude for your steady love and daily gifts.

### Reflections:

• "A love of reconciliation is not weakness or cowardice. It demands courage, nobility, generosity, sometimes heroism, an overcoming of oneself rather than of one's adversary. At times it may even seem like dishonor, but it never offends against true justice or denies the rights of the poor. In reality, it is the patient, wise art of peace, of loving, of living with one's fellows, after the example of Christ, with a strength of heart and mind modelled on him" - Pope Paul VI.

• "For wherever they live, all Christians are bound to show forth, by the example of their lives and by the witness of their speech, that new man which they put on at baptism, and that power of the Holy Spirit by whom they were strengthened at Confirmation. Thus other men, observing their good works, can glorify the Father and can better perceive the real meaning of human life and the bond which ties the whole community of mankind together." - Second Vatican Council - "The Missions"

• "The longest way to God, the indirect, lies through the intellect.

The shortest way lies through the heart.

Here is my journey's end and here its start" - Angelus Silésius.

### Am I living well as a Christian?

Living well as a Christian is not measured by perfection, but by a continuous, humble turning toward God, loving others in daily life, and relying on His grace rather than your own strength.

### Core Signs of a Healthy Faith

**Seeking God regularly:** Spending quiet time in prayer, reflecting on Scripture, and bringing your daily faults into the light.

**Bearing fruit:** Exhibiting a growing presence of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and self-control in your interactions.

**Loving and serving others:** Caring practically for your family, friends, and neighbors, and offering forgiveness just as you have been forgiven.

**Honoring God in routine tasks:** Approaching everyday work - whether washing dishes or doing your job - as an act of service to God and your neighbor.

**Eucharistic Adoration** - Parish Holy Hour in Our Lady's Manor on Saturdays from 9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.

**Boglane Theatre** "Join the Mareitta's for a nostalgic evening of comedy and song as they take to the stage in The Boglane Theatre, Ballymahon on 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct and the Backstage Theatre on 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. This play is a comedy by Niamh Gleeson and inspired by the 1960's Showband Era & Jacobs Marietta biscuits. The audience will laugh, maybe even cry and definitely sing! Tickets available ticketstop.ie and from the Backstage Theatre direct & online.

### READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - AUGUST

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Sinead O'Ferrall.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Betty Mulhare.

### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - AUGUST

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Gerry Haughey, Gerard Greene.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Orla Noonan, Kate O'Donohue.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

### This Weekend August 8<sup>th</sup> / August 9<sup>th</sup>

7.00 p.m. No Intention.

11.00 a.m. 1. Deceased members of the Grimes family, Marian Avenue and Bracklin Road.  
2. Sean Foley (Anniv.).

### Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Aug People of the Parish.

### Next Weekend: August 15<sup>th</sup> / August 16<sup>th</sup>

7.00 p.m. No Intention.

11.00 a.m. Sheila Dougherty (nee Reilly), New Jersey.

**Offertory Collection:** Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Aug / Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug - €1,115 - sincere thanks.

### THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN -

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady. The Great Feast of the "Assumption of our Lady" is a feast of great hope, for where Mary has gone, we hope to follow.

Masses on: Fri Aug 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7.00 p.m. in the Parish Church and  
Sat Aug 15<sup>th</sup> @ 11.00 in Our Lady's Manor.

### Sunday Scriptures

**First Reading** - The prophet Elijah is fleeing for his life. When all seems lost, he hears the voice of God, not in a mighty wind or earthquake, but in a gentle breeze.

**Second Reading** - St. Paul tells us about the sorrow and anguish he suffers because his fellow Jews refused to accept Christ as the Messiah.

**Gospel** - Caught in the middle of high winds and rough seas, at the word of Jesus, Peter begins to walk on the water.

**SUNDAY REFLECTION** - "Do not be afraid" is one of those expressions which goes straight to the heart. Who has not sometimes been afraid? The command not to fear combines two things: firstly, it is a recognition that sometimes we are afraid; secondly, it proclaims that in the community of faith, with Jesus, God-with-us, our companion on the way, we ought really to be free from deep fear, because "all shall be well." Let us hear again the words, "Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid."

- St Paul's Sunday Missal.

### • Thought for Today •

When fear becomes our main focus, we start sinking; when Jesus is our main focus, we can walk on water. Peter's walk on water was short lived because he took his eyes off Jesus. He noticed the surging waters and became afraid. Peter learned an important lesson that day that we should not ignore. When we let fear rule, we sink. Life is full of storms, big storms and little storms. Unless you consistently abide in Him and keep your eyes on Jesus, you will sink. Keep your eyes on Him. Sometimes Jesus is going to ask you to take a risk and trust him by being the first to step out of the boat.



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